

RM-10811

Morse code examination has been a very important aspect of amateur radio and should be continued as requirement for HF access. As the VE team leader for a local radio club, I have found most examinees that have passed Element 1, have taken the time to actually study theory that is required for higher class licenses and follow better operating practices, instead of just memorizing the question pool like every 1 out of 2 technician class applicants that come in for a test. Morse code is a skill that can't be memorized like the question pool, and some people just don't want to spend more than the few days that it takes to memorize the question pool.

I support petition RM-10811 with the exception of raising the Extra Class morse code speed from 5 wpm to 12 wpm.

Respectfully,

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